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SUBJECT : UAE RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST COUNTRIES

1. DURING MY MEETING WITH MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
SAIF GHUBBASH MAY 14, I RAISED WITH HIM RECENT REPORTS I HAD
HEARD THAT UAE MIGHT BE CONSIDERING ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS WITH PRC. I NOTED THAT SUCH A REPORT HAD BEEN
CARRIED IN LONDON WEEKLY ARABIA AND GULF AND REPRODUCED
IN VARIOUS PUBLICATIONS INCLUDING APRIL 7 MIDDLE EAST ECONOMIC
DIGEST.

2. GHUBBASH DISMISSED THESE REPORTS AS PRESS SPECULATION.

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IT WAS TRUE THAT UAE PERIODICALLY REVIEWED ITS POLICY WITH
REGARD TO FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST COUNTRIES
BUT THERE WAS NO MOVE AFOOT TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH PRC. UAE
DECISION WOULD CLEARLY BE INFLUENCED BY REGIONAL CONSIDERATION,
IN PARTICULAR THE VIEWS OF SAUDI ARABIA. WHEN I MENTIONED THAT
I HAD MET RECENTLY A REPRESENTATIVE FROM RUMANIAN MINISTRY OF
COMMERCE WHO HAD TOLD ME HE HAD BEEN OPERATING IN DUBAI FOR

NEARLY THREE YEARS, GHUBBASH SAID THIS WAS AN INFORMAL ARRANGEMENT DESIGNED TO FACILITATE SALE OF RUMANIAN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, PARTICULARLY MEAT. THIS RUMANIAN TRADE OFFICIAL HAD NO DIPLOMATIC STATUS AND THERE WERE NO CONTEMPLATED FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN UAE AND RUMANIA. THIS ARRANGEMENT WITH RUMANIA WAS SIMILAR TO

ONE HE SAID EXISTED BETWEEN UAE AND SOUTH KOREA (UAE HAS NO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SOUTH KOREA) WHERE SOUTH KOREANS ALLOWED HAVE REPRESENTATIVE TO HELP COORDINATE MATTERS RELATED TO VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS RECENTLY WON BY SOUTH KOREAN FIRMS.
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